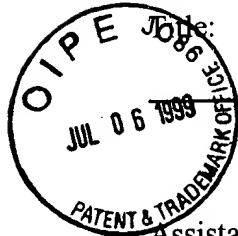


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed December 30, 1998, said period of response being extended from March 30, 1999 to June 30, 1999.

Please charge the required extension fee of \$435.00, and any additional required fees or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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